

REMARKS

Applicant canceled claims 1-25, and added new claims 26-33.

In a prior related applications, Applicant's claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for lack of written description. Without acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant is submitting new claims 26-33 in the present application. Support for new claims 26-33 can be found, for example, in the abstract, which states:

A method of producing laminated inflatable, substantially inextensible expander members having composite properties enhancing their use on intravascular catheters, such as angioplasty catheters is described. Diverse polymeric compounds of differing properties are coextruded to create a multilayer parison. The parison is subsequently drawn and expanded in a blow molding operation to yield an expander member exhibiting enhanced properties including lubricity, burst-strength, limited radial expansion, bondability, and rupture characteristics.

Further support can be found, for example, in the paragraph starting at page 3, line 14, which states:

Examples of materials exhibiting the required high tensile, low distensibility and having medium melt temperatures include certain copolymers such as ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene), ABS/nylon, ABS/polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and ABS/polycarbonate. Such materials having high melt temperatures include acrylonitrile copolymer, polyacrylamide, polyacrylate and polyacrylsulfone. Other materials having suitable characteristics include high melt temperature polyesters such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), polyethylene naphthalate (PEN), **liquid crystal polymer (LCP)**, polyester/polycaprolactone and polyester/polyadipate; and high melt temperature polyethers including polyetheretherketone (PEEK), polyethersulfone (PES), polyetherimide (PEI) and polyetherketone (PEK), polymethylpentene, polyphenylene ether, polyphenylene sulfide, and styrene acrylonitrile (SAN). It should be noted that LCP has a very high melt temperature and SAN, a lower melt temperature than the other listed polyethers. Additional compounds having the required tensile properties which have a medium melt temperature include polyamides such as nylon 6, nylon 6/6, nylon 6/66, nylon 6/9, nylon 6/10, nylon 6/12, nylon 11 and nylon 12. (emphasis added)

Applicant asks that the claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

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